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SUBJECT: WEEKLY MR 3 SITREP - 23 APRIL TO 29 APRIL 1973

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM AMCONSUL BIEN HOA 28 APRIL 73  
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QUOTE:

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BIEN HOA 0097

SUBJ: WEEKLY MR 3 SITREP - 23 APRIL TO 29 APRIL 1973

E. O. 11652: GDS

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1. NVA/ VC MILITARY ACTIVITY REMAINED AT A GENERALLY LOW LEVEL ALL WEEK. THE SHELLING OF THE TON LE CHAM RANGER BASE CONTINUES AT THE RATE OF 100-200 ROUNDS PER DAY OF MIXED MORTAR AND ROCKET FIRE, BUT THE CAMP IS IN NO IMMINENT DANGER OF BEING OVERRUN. THE THREAT TO SONG BE, REAL OR IMAGINED, HAS DIMINISHED, AND NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES HAVE OCCURRED IN THE CONTROL OF TERRITORY, POPULATION OR LOCS.

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2. RUMORS OF CHANGES IN PROVINCE CHIEFS ABOUND,  
WITH LONG KHANH  
TAY NINH AND PHUOC LONG THE CANDIDATES MOST OFTEN MENTIONED.

3. NVA TRACKED VEHICLES AND TRUCKS IN MR3 CONTINUE TO RECEIVE  
POL FROM GRVN- CONTROLLED TERRITORY THROUGH SHADOW SUPPLY  
SYSTEMS  
IN TAY NINH AND ALONG THE ROAD TO CHON THANH. DESPITE THE BEST  
EFFORTS OF SOME GRVN OFFICIALS, THE PROBLEM WILL BE DIFFICULT TO  
SOLVE, SINCE SO MANY IN GRVN TERRITORY ARE DERIVING ECONOMIC  
BENEFITS THEREFROM.

4. RUMORS OF CANDETED  
THEIR WISH TO DEAL WITH THIS ITEM BY SIMPLY "NOTING"  
EXPERTS REPORT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AMBASSADOR SCOTT  
(NEW ZEALAND) SUGGESTED THIS MANNER OF DEALING WITH THE  
ITEM TO THE SOVIETS. WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT  
"NOTING" IS THE BEST WAY TO FINISH THIS ITEM. THE CHINESE  
HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY MAY MAKE A STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM.  
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